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INTERVIEW WITH COL. L. FLETCHER

ALAN DOUGLAS: And now, in this hour, we're going to be talking with a man who brings us some information we perhaps never knew before, maybe we suspected. But he brings us some clarification on the size, the scope and the intensity of the Central Intelligence Agency, that massive organization that has been speculated on for a number of years.

About eight years ago, Colonel L. Fletcher Prouty retired from the military. He was a support officer working for the Pentagon. He's an Air Force officer--a support officer with and for, I presume, the Central Intelligence Agency. About eight years ago, when he retired, I'm sure this book must have gone through his mind. He did not, like CIA men, sign an oath, he says, and therefore never felt as though he had any secrets to keep.

On the other hand, he's a man of integrity and, I think, discretion. What he comes to tell us tonight is sufficiently chilling so that I thought you ought to know about it, and you ought to know about it in a hurry. Jack Anderson commented in a recent column that the CIA was immensely interested in the book, apparently sent an emissary to talk to Colonel Prouty about the book. Did that man seem nervous to you, Colonel Prouty?

COLONEL L. FLETCHER PROUTY: Well, he tried to impress me with the fact that he had come from a bookstore, and I hadn't had any other bookstores make similar offers, so I asked him a few questions about what he had really come for. Finally he said, well, I'll tell you what I really want. He said, the CIA's been on my back to get your manuscript of your book, THE SECRET TEAM, and I'm just trying to fulfill a contract with the CIA.

DOUGLAS: So that was the extent of the contact you had from the Central Intelligence Agency?

PROUTY: Well, that I did personally. Now, other people that were reviewing the book in the manuscript form had also been approached by the same bookstore, and they had tried

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